

June 13 [Baruch Williams, Bohemia, to James Brice Esq^r, presid^t of the Honble Council, Annapolis.]

On the Eighth of Sept^r last I received ten Tobacco Notes inclosed in a letter of the 21st of August, to sell, to Enable me to make Purchases a Copy of one is now sent for the Governor & Council's directions it has been produced to the Treasurer by the Collector of this County and he refused taking it, owing I presume from some Deficiency in the recording of it. I received yours of the 5th of June yesterday, about Cloathing. I will do all I can but am fearful I shall make but little out of some orders about the Inclosed Copy (the Original of which the Collector received in Taxes & has in his Possession)

NB I suppose I need not give a hint that money is necessary for purchasing the Cloathing but at any rate this will serve as one

June 14 [Tho^s Smyth, Ju^r, Kent County to The Hono^{ble} James Brice Esq^r
Red Book Presid^t of the Council Annapolis] (Via Rock Hall)
No. 27
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I did not receive the appointments with which the Council have honor'd me, 'till yesterday and take the first opportunity of informing them that I am obliged to decline serving under it. I am in a very bad state of health, and have as much to do as I can possibly attend to, in collecting the Taxes of this County. As it is not in my power to do the duty of the Commission effectually, I hope the Council will not be displeas'd at my declining to accept it.

June 14 [William Clagett, Piscataway to Governor Lee]

Mess^{rs} Bowie's Kettles will not in my opinion answer for the purpose you want them, they have but very few that will hold 1¼ Gallons, therefore I have declined sending them up.

June 14 [H. Hollingsworth, Head of Elk, to His Excellency, Thomas Sim
Red Book Lee, Esqr in Council.]
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Letter 84

And please Your Excellency & Honours The many difficulties experienced in the collecting Manufacturing and forwarding the Specific supplies of the Eastern Shore of this State, at this time when the use of the Bay is cut off from us, or at least in great measure rendered unsafe, Imboldens me to offer a few hints which have occured to me regarding it, not that I think myself competent to direct (more then others) but that experience has taught me that which others were they in my situation would perhaps have seen, and pointed out much sooner my letter of the twelfth, with that to Major Smith which I have requested him to lay before your Excellency & Honours which you are at Liberty to lay before the Honourable House of Delegates, will I fear point out too evident the Inconvenience that arises from the Manufacturing all the wheat at so great a distance from the place it is wanted, and at Mills not properly pre-